

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 2003-002
DATE: March 18, 2003 Time: 5:20 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Homeland Security** - The President of the United States raised the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) from an Elevated condition (Yellow) to a High condition (Orange) based on the recommendation of the United States Department of Homeland Security. No specific threats have been identified at this time.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No deaths or injuries have been reported in North Dakota.
3. **DAMAGES:** No damages have been reported in North Dakota.
4. **RESOURCES:**

PRIVATE SECTOR: Organizations representing transportation, energy, communications, and healthcare have initiated Homeland Security measures.

LOCAL: Local agencies on heightened alert include law enforcement, fire departments, city and county offices, human services, public works departments, communications centers, emergency management offices, public health, and emergency medical services.

STATE: State agencies have initiated increased security measures and have opened dialogue with appropriate private, local, and tribal partners.

FEDERAL: Federal agencies involved with increased security efforts in North Dakota include the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the U.S. Border Patrol, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Health and Human Services (HHS).
5. **VOLUNTEER ACTION:** The American Red Cross (ARC) has established recommended actions for each of the alert levels within HSAS. Individuals, families, school personnel, and business people may obtain this information at the ARC website: <http://www.redcross.org>. Individuals may also obtain this information by calling their local American Red Cross chapter.
6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:** On March 17, Governor John Hoeven directed North Dakota Director of Homeland Security Doug Friez to activate the state's Emergency Operations Plan as well as implement the threat level change in North Dakota to Orange - High Condition, effective immediately.

All North Dakota functional and task coordinators within the State Emergency Operations Plan have been contacted and state agencies stand on heightened alert. In addition, all local and tribal county emergency managers were asked to communicate this change to critical infrastructure personnel in both the public and private sector. Throughout North Dakota, there continues to be increased vigilance and visibility concerning surveillance, planning and implementation of Homeland Security measures. Involvement by local, state, private, and federal partners is occurring to help monitor and protect the state capitol, utilities, power plants, pipelines, refineries, transportation assets, airports, dams, and state borders.

The N.D. Department of Health, through its Health Alert Network System, informed health care providers working in hospitals, clinics, public health units, as well as fire department and emergency medical service personnel, of the newly established threat level.

Because of the increased security risk, the Director of the N.D. Aeronautics Commission advised all managers of general aviation airports in North Dakota to review individual airport security plans with local law enforcement personnel.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance has been requested.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No assistance has been requested.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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